

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2507
Date: 16th December 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

I was wondering if I needed to put in another FOI request for the same information with the total number of incidents from the past four years from 2019. This would allow me to compare previous years to see if the Hate Crime campaign is having an effect at reducing hate crime in our region.

The above question was received as a follow up to earlier IM-FOI-2022-2221.

Please may you provide me with:

- **The overall number of hate crimes against the LGBTQ+ community that were recorded by officers in areas: Highlands, Islands, Moray, Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire.**
- **This information should set out the total number of hate crimes for each region listed by month beginning January 2022 until most recently.**
- **This is to ascertain if hate crimes reported have gone up in recent months or have fallen in these areas.**
- **It will also reveal if Police Scotland's campaign to tackle Hate Crime is effective or not.**
- **If you could also include a list with corresponding figures about the type of hate crime. For instance: assault, verbal abuse, damage to property, threatening behaviour and online abuse etc.**

In response to your request. Please see the spreadsheet attached titled 22-2507 Attachment 01.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to

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foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.